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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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ALAN RAY MERRELL et al.)	Art Unit: <i>Unknown</i>
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Application No. <i>Unassigned</i>)	
)	Examiner: <i>Unassigned</i>
Filed: 25 January 2001 (Herewith))	
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Title: Architecture For Access to Embedded)	
Files Using a SAN Intermediate Device)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

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